

Trees, seeds and stock .....	.....	.....
Fish for tank	500	.....
Iron balcony and gallery screens.....	700	.....
Hydraulic plaster finish to ward walls.....	1,500	.....
Furniture, beds and blinds	18,000	.....
Heating apparatus for building, laundry and kitchen furniture.....	20,000	.....
Gas machine and fixtures.....	1,000	.....
Drain pipe and labor placing same.....	750	.....
Painting and coating north wall and blinds	2,000	.....
General repairs and preservation	250	750
Amount due contractors.....	1,300	.....
Salary of Superintendent	2,000	2,000
Salary of assistant superintendent	1,500	1,500
Salary of apothecary.....	600	600
Salary of bookkeeper and steward.....	1,000	1,000
Salary of matron.....	600	600
Salary of carpenter.....	480	480
Salary of gardener	480	480
Salary of farmer and assistant.....	600	600
Salary of scavenger	200	200
Salary of engineer and fireman.....	640	640
Salary of cook and two assistants.....	960	960
Salary of baker.....	400	400
Salary of five laundresses	1,000	1,000
Salary of two seamstresses.....	480	480
Salary of twenty-four ward attendants. ..	5,760	5,760
Salary of two night watches.....	720	720
Salary of two supernumeraries.....	720	720
Groceries, fuel, gas and water	40,000	50,000
Transportation	1,000	1,000
Contingent expenses.....	1,000	500
Dry goods, clothing, etc.....	6,000	8,000
Stock and milkman and dining room girls	960	960
Medical stores	2,000	2,000
Total.....	\$125,300	\$81,850

It is the unanimous opinion of your committee that the appropriations herein suggested are necessary to furnish and equip said asylum.

TERRELL,
CAMP,
EVANS,
Senate Committee.
CAMP,
WOODS,
DAVIS,
House committee.

Senator Pope moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning.

Lost.

Senator Houston of Wheeler moved to adjourn till 10:30 to-morrow morning.

Senator Pope moved to substitute 9:30 for Senator Houston's motion.

Accepted, and

Adopted by the following vote.

YEAS—15.

Bell,	Houston of Wheeler,	Peacock,
Calhoun,	Jordone,	Pope,
Camp,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Hall,	Kilgore,	Stinson,
Houston of Bexar,	Knittel,	Traylor.

NAYS—9.

Davis,	Getzendaner,	Randolph,
Evans,	Glasscock,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Pfeuffer,	Woods.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.
Kleberg.

Douglass,
And the Senate adjourned until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 20, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Terrell,

The reading of the journals of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Fowler:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 19, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 176, entitled "An act for the relief of, and to refund to the city of Laredo, Texas, the amount expended by it in the maintenance of quarantine during the yellow fever epidemic of 1882, and to make an appropriation therefor," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

The amount claimed in this bill by the city of Laredo is \$1,818.48, which sum it would appear from the evidence was actually expended by the city in maintaining the quarantine. This quarantine, however, was not a State quarantine, under the direction and control of the State health officer, the expenses of which are paid by the State, but was a local quarantine under the direction and control of the city of Laredo alone, and the expenses therefore justly chargeable against said city and not against the State. If this claim should be recognized and paid by the State, the door would thereby be open to the admission of other claims of a similar character amounting to thousands of dollars. This claim is particularly objectionable for the reason that the State Health Officer requested permission to take part in the movement of the quarantine proceedings, but was refused.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, for Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 19, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 177, entitled "An act for the relief of and to refund to the city of Brownsville, Texas, the sum expended by it under authority of the proclamation of Governor R. B. Hubbard, of Texas, issued April 24, 1878, to prevent the introduction and spread of yellow fever in the State of Texas during the epidemic of 1878, and to make an appropriation therefor," have carefully considered the same, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

The amount claimed in this bill against the State is two thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents. The quarantine in which this expense was incurred was local quarantine, and wholly under the control and direction of the city of Brownsville, and there is no valid reason why the State should refund this sum to the city. It is not a valid claim against the State, and was so held by the Attorney-General, in an opinion given the Comptroller in 1878. If this claim should be paid, the door will be opened to the admission of other claims of similar character amounting to thousands of dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, for Committee.

By Senator Kleberg:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred House bill No. 136, entitled "An act to amend chapter 79 of the acts of 1883, entitled 'an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stockraising and to protect stockraisers,' approved April 22, 1879, and amended April 4, 1881, and April 12, 1883," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

1. Add DeWitt and Jack counties among the counties exempted from the operation of this act.

2. Add emergency clause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

KLEBERG, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 231, entitled "An act to amend article 906 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, so as to compel justices of the peace to investigate and prosecute all violations of the law when they may have good cause to believe an offense has been committed," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 220, entitled "An act to amend title 29, chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 216, entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in suits and prosecution for libel," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

Senator Evans submitted the following minority report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

As one of your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 216, entitled "An act to regulate proceedings in suits and prosecutions for libel," would respectfully ask to make a minority report, the majority of said committee having reported unfavorably. I would respectfully ask to have the bill considered favorable by the Senate, and that the same do pass.

The law now in existence permits the publishers of papers to be sued out of the county of their residence, requiring them to go to distant counties to defend suits or prosecutions, making an exception to the general rule of law requiring suits to be brought in the county of defendant's residence. The first section of the bill gives the defendant the right to plead and prove in justification the truth of the facts published. This should be allowed by so amending this section as to prevent its coming in conflict with the Constitution, which we think could be done. We think it should always be permissible to prove the truth of any assertion made, whether verbally or by written or printed publication. If the statement published be true, then the party referred to is not slandered, and the publisher should be permitted to prove that fact. If the publication be false, then the publisher should suffer the consequences of his own act; but where he speaks the truth it is right and proper that he may establish by proof.

We would therefore ask that the bill, with the accompanying amendment thereto, be passed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EVANS, for minority.

AMENDMENT SENATE BILL NO. 216.

Amend section 1 by adding thereto "When the matter published is not improper for public information."

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 219, entitled "An act to amend title 26, chapter 7 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," have

carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 174, entitled "An act for the relief of Virginia E. Littlepage, and to authorize the county court of Travis county to issue to her letters of administration on the estate of her father, Caleb V. Littlepage," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Randolph:

"An act to provide for a more efficient manner of assessing bankers, brokers, dealers in exchange and stock jobbers."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Davis,

Fifty copies of the bill were ordered printed.

Senator Pope moved to postpone Senate bill No. 195 (the land bill) and set it for next Monday, and asked leave to sit in the committee of the whole on the consideration of that bill on that day.

An objection was raised, and

The motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Pfeuffer,

Senator bill No. 142 (the Pfeuffer educational bill) was taken up out of its regular order and made special order for Tuesday after morning call, and from day to day until disposed of.

On motion of Senator Traylor,

Senate bills Nos. 77 and 194 (the real estate tax bills) were taken up and made the special order for Monday after morning call, and from day to day until disposed of.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your honorable body the passage of "House concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of arrangements on behalf of the Legislature, to suitably celebrate the laying of the corner stone of the new State Capitol."

A. D. SADLER, Chief Clerk.

On motion of Senator Getzendaner,

Senate bill No. 100 (pensions for surviving soldiers, etc.), was taken up out of its regular order and made special order for Wednesday after morning call, and from day to day till disposed of.

On motion of Senator Houston of Wheeler,

Senator Douglass was excused indefinitely from yesterday, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Peacock,

Senators Camp and Stinson were excused till Tuesday.

On motion of Senator Houston of Wheeler,

Senator Jones was excused till Monday.

On motion of Senator Bell,

The First Assistant Secretary, Mr. Boynton, was excused for the day, on account of sickness.

Senator Peacock moved to go into committee of

the whole on the consideration of Senate bill No. 195 (the land bill), with Senator Pope chairman of the committee.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.		
Evans,	Peacock,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Pfeuffer,	Terrell,
Johnson,	Pope,	Woods.
Kilgore,	Randolph,	
NAYS—12.		
Bell,	Hall,	Kleberg,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Knittel,
Davis,	Houston of Wheeler,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Jerdone,	Mr. President.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Fowler.

The President voted "no."

By leave, Senator Randolph made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate concurrent resolution No. 5, that the Nineteenth Legislature stands adjourned on the seventeenth day of March, 1885, at 12 m., have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANDOLPH, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Woods,

The regular order of business was suspended, and

The resolution just reported by the committee was taken up for action.

Senator Pope moved the previous question on the resolution.

Previous question seconded, and

Main question ordered, and

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.		
Bell,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Davis,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Evans,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Knittel,	Traylor,
Hall,	Peacock,	Woods.

NAYS—8.

Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Getzendaner,	Jerdone,	Randolph.
Glasscock,	Johnson,	

Senator Pfeuffer sent the following to the Secretary's desk:

My reasons for voting no: While I would be in favor of adjourning to-morrow for all the good we have accomplished to date, I would not exclude the fact that certain measures now pending in both houses, if passed, may prove of great good to the people of Texas. The fixing of a day certain for adjournment nearly a month ahead is premature, and while it may encourage more rapid work (which is only an assumption) it may increase the danger of passing bills insufficiently considered. The Legislature is composed of men that need no such spur for attention to business.

PFEUFFER.

Senator Pfeuffer moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution.

Senator Davis raised the point of order that the Senator making the motion had voted on the losing side, and therefore the motion could not be entertained.

The point of order was sustained.

Senator Davis moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay that motion on the table.

Withdrawn.

By leave, Senator Fowler sent up petitions of citizens of Bastrop and Travis counties requesting a change in the boundary lines between said counties.

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Glasscock moved to postpone the order of business and take up Senate bill No. 179 (the pleuropneumonia bill, out of its regular order.)

Lost.

Senate joint resolution No. 1, "Proposing an amendment to section 12 of article 8 of the Constitution," was laid before the Senate as a special order, and

Read second time, with committee substitute, and Committee substitute adopted, and ordered engrossed.

Senate bill No. 86, "An act to amend title 10, chapter 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas by adding thereto articles 870a, 870b," was laid before the Senate as a special order, and

On motion of Senator Bell, was laid on the table subject to call.

Substitute Senate bills Nos. 160 and 161, "An act to amend articles 595 and 610 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up as third special order, and

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—14.		
Calhoun,	Kilgore,	Randolph,
Davis,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Evans,	Knittel,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Peacock,	Woods.
Johnson,	Pfeuffer,	
NAYS—7.		
Bell,	Hall,	Houston of Wheeler,
Getzendaner,	Houston of Bexar,	Pope.
Glasscock,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Jerdone, Traylor.

Senate bill No. 173, "An act to repeal article 4112 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate.

Senator Shannon moved to table the bill subject to call.

Lost.

The bill was read third time and passed.

House bill No. 116, "An act to amend 'an act to redistribute the State into judicial districts, etc., and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys,'" was laid before the Senate,

Read third time and passed.

House concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of arrangement on behalf of the Legislature to suitably celebrate the laying of the corner stone of the new State Capitol, was laid before the Senate and adopted.

On motion of Senator Bell,

Senate bill No. 120, "An act to amend article 1161, title 28, chapter— of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up out of its regular order and

Read second time, with special committee report and committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Davis,

The substitute was adopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

The President gave notice of singing substitute House bill No. 48, "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of 'an act to regulate the appointment and define the duties of notaries public, to require them to procure and use legal seals, and punish them for failing to do so,' approved April 1, 1881."

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed to report to your honorable body that the House, under a suspension of the rules by a four-fifths vote, has passed, by a two-thirds vote—yeas, 79; nays, none—Senate bill No. 230.

A. D. SADLER,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

(Senator Shannon, President pro tem in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Bell, Senate bill No. 125, "An act to amend articles 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1731, 1743, 1744 and 1752, chapter 6, title 34 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate out of its regular order, and Read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Traylor, Senate bill No. 223, "An act to provide for the publication and binding of one thousand copies of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to make appropriation therefor," was taken up out of its regular order and

Read a second time and ordered engrossed.

Senator Traylor moved to suspend the constitutional rule and place the bill on its final passage. Senator Pope moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Roll call completed.

Senators Glasscock, Houston of Wheeler and Jerdone were absent without excuse, and

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched to bring the absent Senators into the Senate.

Senators Glasscock and Houston of Wheeler were conducted into the Senate chamber, and

On motion of Senator Terrell, the Senate call was suspended, and

The constitutional rule was suspended by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Calhoun,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Davis,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Woods.
Hall,	Peacock,	

NAYS—none.

(Senator Jerdone entered the Senate while the vote was being taken.)

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Calhoun,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Davis,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Woods.
Hall,	Peacock,	

NAYS—none.

Senator Houston of Wheeler moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Getzendaner, Senate bill No. 10, "An act to amend article 4 title 2 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up out of its regular order and

Read second time, with the committee substitute. The committee substitute was adopted and order engrossed.

On motion of Senator Getzendaner, The constitutional rule was suspended, and The bill put on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Bell,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Davis,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Woods.
Hall,	Peacock,	

NAYS—none.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Bell,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Calhoun,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Davis,	Jerdone,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson,	Shannon,
Gowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Woods.
Hall,	Peacock,	

NAYS—none.

On motion of Senator Kleberg, Senate bill No. 46, "An act for the relief of Wm. S. Boothe, S. F. Grimes, et al., was taken up out of its regular order."

Read second time with committee substitute. The committee substitute was adopted and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senate bill No. 65 (the stock herding bill) was taken up out of its regular order and made special order for Monday after first special order after morning call, and from day to day till disposed of.

On motion, Senate bill No. 203, "An act to amend article 122 of the Penal Code," etc., was taken up out of its regular order and read second time.

Senator Davis offered to amend by adding the word "included" between the words "are" and "the," in sixth line.

Adopted.

Senator Peacock moved to amend by adding "the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

Adopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Calhoun, Senate bill No. 197, "An act to amend articles 165, 170 and 172, chapter 4, title 6, of the Penal Code," was taken up out of its regular order and

Read second time.

Senator Calhoun offered to amend by inserting after the word "articles," in line 20, "170 and 171."

Adopted.

Senator Terrell offered to amend by striking out

the words "in any precinct, city or county in which he is not then entitled to vote," in article 165.

Senator Davis moved to strike out "qualified voter" and insert "legally qualified."

Withdrawn.

Senator Peacock moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "county."

Lost.

Senator Davis offered the following substitute for Senator Terrell's amendment:

Strike out article 165 and insert, "If any person, knowing himself not to be legally qualified to, who shall vote, or offers to vote at any election held under the laws of this State, shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years."

Accepted.

Senator Getzendaner offered the following substitute:

If any person, knowing himself not to be legally qualified, shall vote or offer to vote at any election for any officer then to be chosen, or shall vote or offer to vote at any election ordered in pursuance of the laws of this State, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

Lost.

The amendment of Senator Terrell, as substituted by the substitute of Senator Davis, was adopted, and

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davis,

The Senate adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 21, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Calhoun,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Farrar:

Petition of citizens and business men of Corsicana, Texas, protesting against the passage of the Houston of Bexar) insurance bill.

Referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Randolph:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 232, entitled "An act to amend title 17, chapter article 407 of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to cemeteries when the same may be located outside of the corporate limits of the city or town," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANDOLPH, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred Senate bill No. 228, entitled, "An act to abolish the office of secretary of the Capitol Board," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANDOLPH, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 218, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to establish uniform weights per bushel of wheat, corn and other products of the State,'" have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

The present statute upon the subject is not changed by this act, save in placing the weight of a bushel of charcoal at 20 instead of 22 pounds; and we may well quote the maxim, "De minimus non curat lex."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANDOLPH, Chairman.

By Senator Fowler:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred the petition of officers and citizens of Bastrop and Travis counties, requesting a change in the boundary line between said counties, have carefully considered the same, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that no further action be taken thereon.

The Constitution (see subdivision 3 of section 1, article 9) provides that "no part of any existing county shall be detached from it and attached to another existing county until the proposition for such change shall have been submitted, in such manner as may be provided by law, to a vote of the electors of both counties, and shall have received a majority of those voting on the question in each county." The change desired by the petitioners is to detach from Travis county a portion of its territory and attach the same to Bastrop county, and, as no election for this purpose has been held as provided by law, the Legislature has no authority under the Constitution to make the proposed change.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FOWLER, for Committee.

By Senator Bell:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 126, being "An act prescribing and fixing the venue of suits against foreign corporations, joint stock companies or associations, or acting corporations or associations doing business in this State, and to provide the mode of serving process on such corporations or associations," and find the same correctly engrossed.

BELL, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 121, being "An act to amend section 25 of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and to fix the time for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in the said districts at the next general election, to be held on first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883," and find the same correctly engrossed.

BELL, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined